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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Dr. Richard Ahlgrim, Berean Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Ahlgrim.

THE REVEREND DR. RICHARD AHLGRIM:

(Prayer by the Reverend Dr. Richard Ahlgrim)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 26th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports

Senate Bills 1277 and 1321 Do Pass; Senate Bill 1283 Do Pass, as

Amended; and Senate Resolution 203 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1530, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1531, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1532, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1533, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1534, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1535, offered by Senator Dillard.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
   Senate Bill 1536, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill -- pardon me, Senate Bill 1537, offered by Senator
Watson.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1538, offered by Senator Watson.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senator Watson also offers Senate Bill 1539.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1540, offered by Senator Cronin.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1541, offered by Senator Maitland.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1542, offered by Senator O'Daniel.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1543, offered by Senator Lauzen.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1544, offered by Senator del Valle.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
    Senate Bill 1545, offered by Senator del Valle.
              (Secretary reads title of bill)
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Senate Bill 1546, offered by Senator Dillard.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1547, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1548, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1549, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1550, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1551, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1552, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1553, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1554, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1555, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1556, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1557, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1558, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1559, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1560, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1561, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1562, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1563, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1564, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1565, offered by Senators Peterson, Obama, Radogno and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1566, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1567, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1568, offered by Senator Lisa Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1569, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1570, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1571, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill -- pardon me, House Bill 2917, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2940, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

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SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Madam President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Madam President, Members of the Senate, today is Shirley Duling's last Session day. Shirley Duling has been with State government for the past twenty-nine years. She began four -- for -- first of all, she began with four years at the Secretary of State's Office. Then -- after Paul Powell, she reminds me. And then she went to work for the Illinois House, worked for Clarence Neff for ten years. And then, I was very fortunate to get her as my partner down here in Springfield for the past fifteen years. Now, Shirley Duling has a -- a -- a long and -- and good career here in State government. She has helped most of us, on both sides of the aisle, and -- with her wisdom and her -- her expertise and her help. She will remain -- for those of you who are Republicans, she will remain as Cass County Party Chairman, but she is retiring to enjoy her grandchildren more. For those of you who will be here Monday, we are having a retirement party for Shirley Duling at the Petroleum Marketers, between 5 and 7. Those who can't make it, please join us at -- in -- on the mezzanine immediately after Session. And just like to say, on a personal note, Shirley, I'm going to miss you. You've been my partner down here, and happy retirement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We -- we commend Shirley Duling on a long life of good service. And we thank Shirley Duling for twenty-nine years of devoted service to her State. House Bill 2883, on today's

Calendar, page 2. Senator Dudycz? On the Order of House Bill 2nd Reading, House Bill 2883. Senator Dudycz. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2883.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1562 {sic} (1572), offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 1573, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1574, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1575, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1576, offered by Senators Jacobs, Rauschenberger

and Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1577, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 274, offered by Senator O'Malley.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 51, offered by Senator Obama.

It is substantive.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I understand that we might be adjourning fairly soon. And I

understand that some of our Members are -- are not on the Floor because there is a caucus going on, but I would want to acknowledge that one of our colleagues is having a birthday today, a very important birthday. It is Senator Donne Trotter's birthday. And actually he is fifty years old today. Last year he was -- a year ago today, he was only forty-six. He decided to run for Congress, and so he has already gained four years in the last year. But -- he's not on the Floor, but he -- we do have some cake for him down here, as is our tradition. So if anybody wants to grab a little cake on their way home, please do so. And let's congratulate Donne Trotter on his fiftieth birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We'll now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar.
With leave of the Body, all of those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

No objections filed, then the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. In -- in the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The motion is carried. And the resolutions are adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 52, offered by Senator Weaver.

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(Secretary reads SJR No. 52)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 52. Those in favor will say Aye. All opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver, to explain the resolution -- move to -- for the adoption of -- of Senate Joint Resolution 52. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the resolution's adopted. There any further business to come before the Senate? If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Dudycz moves that the Senate stand adjourned until noon, Tuesday, February 1, 2000.